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For: USE OF PRE-COATED MAT FOR PREPARING GYPSUM BOARD

AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO OFFICE ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 2, 2006 setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response. Applicants request that Deposit Account No. 19-0733 be charged for any fee required to complete this filing.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

This response also is accompanied by a Notice of Appeal and a Rule 132 Declaration of co-inventor Brian Randall.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.